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Most Rev. William F. Medley,
Diocese of Owensboro

Pray

Fast

Give

March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent

The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your
heart.

— *Romans 10:8*

Lent



Mission Statement

The Catholic Community of St. Stephen Cathedral serves as the Mother Church for the Diocese of Owensboro to welcome, evangelize, and worship in the name of Jesus Christ.



MASS SCHEDULE:

Saint Stephen Cathedral

Monday-Friday: 7:00AM and 12:05PM

Saturday: 9:00AM and 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:00AM 9:00AM and 11:00AM

Holy Days: 7:00AM and 12NOON

Blessed Sacrament Chapel (602 Sycamore St)

Sunday: 10:00AM (Holy Days: 6:00PM)

Membership in Parish:

We give a hearty welcome to all new families moving into our parish. Please register in the Office as soon as possible. Those who plan to move from our parish community are requested to inform us.

Bulletin Material Deadline:

Friday, 8:00AM, in writing, ten days in advance of publication. Deadline firm. Earlier deadline applies when holidays occur.

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism:

Baptisms are usually celebrated during one of the regularly scheduled Masses. Parents are encouraged to call the parish office before the birth of their child to make an appointment for instructions.

Marriage:

Couples wishing to share their lives with one another in sacramental Marriage are asked to call the Office for an appointment with one of the priests. We suggest the first appointment must be scheduled nine (9) months before the proposed date of marriage.

Reconciliation:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated communally two times a year, during Advent and Lent. Other opportunities for reconciliation are Saturdays from 9:30-11:30AM and 4:00-5:00PM on the Thursday before First Friday, and by appointment.

STEWARDS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16/17, 2019
The SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

5:00PM VIGIL MASS**SACRISTAN:** Sheila Howard**Altar Servers:** Lindsey Warren, Jacob Warren**Lectors:** Garry Pierce, Leah McCarty**Minister of the Host:** Jean Bertram, Sue Gough

Sheila Howard

Minister of the Cup: Laurie Hicks, Denise Payne,
*2 needed, OPEN, volunteer now***Minister of Hospitality:** Angela Drury, Bill Drury,
Jesse Mattingly, Nora Mattingly, *OPEN*, Janice Walker**7:00AM MASS****SACRISTAN:** TBD**Altar Servers:** Logan Lanham**Lectors:** Eddy McFarland, Rita Roberson**Minister of the Host:** Pat Baker**Minister of the Cup:** Lorraine McFarland, Dennis Weafer**Minister of Hospitality:** Norman Froehlich, Jim Marold,
Thomas Smiley, Mike Wade**9:00AM MASS****SACRISTAN:** Sister Anthonia Asayoma**Altar Servers:** Ashton Leigh, Keaton Leigh, John Copeland**Lectors:** Alison Grant, Donna Murphy**Minister of the Host:** Christian Leigh, Doris Mattingly,
Mary Helen Nash**Minister of the Cup:** Sharon Bell, Kelsey Rhodes,
Isabelle Wright, John Wright**Minister of Hospitality:** John Bell, Joe Connor, Vicky Connor,
Jim Murphy, *OPEN*, Matt Steele**11:00AM MASS****SACRISTAN:** Debra Sikes**Altar Servers:** Travis Weafer, Patrick Green**Lectors:** Mike Weafer, Jennifer Welch**Minister of the Host:** Debra Sikes, *OPEN*, *2 needed***Minister of the Cup:** Brenda Clark, Janet Murphy,
Kevin Payne, Tanja Wells-Walker**Minister of Hospitality:** Shanna Ballard, Cassie Head,
David Hemingway, Mark Howard, Bo Ivey, *OPEN*

"Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble."

II. Extreme but Fruitful Fast: Most medical professionals would say that fasting is good for the body; it can be a means of cleansing and purification. Besides that we believe there is value as Christians in fasting as a means of expressing solidarity with the poor, and those without sufficient food. Prayer and Fasting are part of the reason for our CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Rice Bowl experience; 75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports CRS around the world, and 25% helps alleviate hunger and poverty in our Diocese of Owensboro.

WHILE VISITING INDIA, I had the opportunity to visit the Heralds of the Good News (HGN) Provincialate (headquarters for the Province of Kerala, India) a village of Pampady near the city of Kottayam. On the same campus, there is a Retreat Center where four-day retreats are offered most every week for approximately 200 retreatants—it's an intense time for talks on prayer (and praying), spiritual exercises, and the Word of God. These retreats evidently help bring about conversion experiences for those who participate, and 75% of the retreatants are 17, 18, 19 year olds! The priests asked the retreatants to fast with them from food for 72 with water aplenty. I was inspired! Couldn't believe it! Honestly, I thought I was achieving "spiritual greatness" fasting 24 hours without food, only water, on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and maybe a few other times during the year! This is a new challenge for me and I'm not sure I'm up for this particular challenge! (India, chapter II)

Regardless, FASTING is a "tried and true" ancient discipline of several religions, including Christianity. I challenge you, along with myself, to take the Scriptural call for fasting more seriously this Lenten season, if you are in good health. I do believe it can make a difference spiritually. There is a connection between physical and spiritual hunger, and definitely a holistic connection between health of Body, Mind, and Spirit (Soul). Blessings!

I. Many thanks to everyone who has completed a Parish Survey. The results are being tabulated by Liturgical Publications (LPi) and meetings will be scheduled soon to discuss the results and take the next steps toward a parish long-range plan. Details will be available in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

III. Priest TEMPORARILY Suspended Pending Investigation: When there is an allegation concerning sexual abuse of a minor, in conformity with the Sexual Abuse Policy and Procedures of the Diocese of Owensboro: 1. The Diocese submits a report to civil authorities, if not already contacted, and fully cooperates with civil authorities as the investigation proceeds; 2. The person who has been accused is placed on an administrative leave of absence; 3. The Diocese conducts an internal investigation of the accusation. Keep in mind that an accusation DOES NOT automatically constitute guilt. Let's not rush to judgement until the process runs its course, and pray that the damage inflicted (on either party) is not irreparable. A much better stance is to pray for the person who brought forth the allegation and for Fr. Bradley. To report abuse to the Diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, please call 270-852-8380 to speak with our Diocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator. You may also visit the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment for more information.

In Joy and Hope, *Fr. Jerry*

Please Pray for all the Sick†

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| Mike Baker | Barbara Jones | Joyce Payne |
| Harry Baumgarten | Frank Jones | Wanda Payne |
| Richard/Mary Ann Clouse | Theresa Jones | Dorothy Reynolds |
| Ruth Ann Cureton | Brenda Kelley | Josephine Roberts |
| Virginia Curry | Josanna Lamastus | Iona Simon |
| Vickie Davis | Bob Lanham | Louise Thompson |
| Wilma Fenwick | Wilma/James | Ed Wathen |
| Jean Fulkerson | McManaway | Margaret Whittinghill |
| Richard Gruenewald | JoAnn Moore | Robert Wiekcl |
| Carroll Howard | John Moore | Carrie Wieder |
| Jerry/Barbara Huff | Gerald Nalley | Vincent Wink |
| Colene Jennings | Lucy Neal | |
| | Eddie O'Bryan | |

Sick Friends/Relatives

Charyle Ball; "Tiny" Ball; Cyrilla Brake, friend of Sara Hemingway; Betty Branch, friend of Linda Beckman; Beverly Cecil, daughter of Wilma Fenwick; Jose Djeba, friend of Amber Yanez; Philip and Christina Edge Family; nephew of Joan Wells and Deanie Midkiff; Jerry and Tom Hagan, brothers of Sharlene Hatfield; Ann Keelin, step-mother of Charlotte Hagan; John Keelin, brother of Charlotte Hagan; Charlotte Landers, mother of Russell Vaughn; Kathy Likens, mother of Jenny Likens; William Lomax; William Miller, grandfather of Lauren (Layne) Rummage; John and Sue Mudd, brother-in-law and sister of Sharlene Hatfield; Debbie O'Bryan, neice of Jackie Mattingly; Richard Ray, son of Theresa Ray; Amanda Storm, friend of Sharon Bell; Ben Thompson, friend of Fr. Jerry Riney; Pam Woodrum, sister of Kathryn Wimsatt; Ann Vaughan, mother of Fr. John Vaughan.

Names in bold are those currently in the hospital or have had surgery recently. Names will be ROTATED off these lists every SIX WEEKS unless a parishioner calls and extends the prayer request.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES

Carmel Home—Juanita Clark, Mary C. Kelley, Beverly Emmick, Agatha Lindemann, Helen Miles, Margie Hill, Bertha Horrell, Sister Catherine Shoenborn. **Owensboro Center**—Margaret (Rosie)Whittinghill. **Bishop Soeneker**—Robert Danhauer, Freddie Payne, Betty Wimsatt. **Heritage Place**—Jackie Abshier. **Hermitage Manor**—Mary Ann Calhoun, Mary Jo Schadler. **Hillcrest**—George Collignon, Hallie Lott, Wilma McManaway. **One Park Place**—Rose Bender, Kay Meisenhelder, Wanda Payne, Francoise Grant. **Twain Rivers**—Bruce Bennett, Elizabeth Finch. **Fern Terrace**—Sarah Welborn, Gary Ashworth, **Wellington Parc**—Maury Schaefer, Sr.

PRAYING FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for those who have recently died, especially **Stephanie Flamion, niece of Dennis (Pam) Weafer, niece of Mike (Sharon) Weafer, granddaughter of Lillian Gentry; Phyllis Portman, sister of Garry (Ann) Pierce; Sue Borders, wife of Doug Borders, former parishioners; Frances Johnson Osborne, grandmother of Olivia (David) Spears, great-grandmother of George and Mary Catherine Osborne; Louise Bonham, sister of Gene Schadler; and Anna Cummings, mother of Fr. Larry Hostetter.**

Please remember to pray for those who are dying.
(Please call the office when there is a death in your family.)

Thank you to those who help make our campus a safer place when we have snow and ice; BUT

- PLEASE, do NOT use ice melt or salt from your home or work
- Regular chemical ice melt damages the sheen on our beautiful marble floors
- Gentler "ice-melt" can be found in our vestibule under the tables

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISH MEMBERS

Parish Birthdays from March 10-16

Jack Acquisto, James Demarest, James Hagan, Molly Harris, Carroll Howard, Lucy Kurtz, Johnny Merrill, Diane Minton, Duncan Owens, Estella Padgett, Veronica Payne, Breanna Reid, Jackson Roby, Patrick Rykwalder, Kim Searcy, Pat Taylor, Kennedy Weafer, Pam Weafer, Ed Wedding

THIS WEEK'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We are pleased to wish those couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary a very happy and blessed day.

March 14—Greg and Ryann Blandford, 4 years

March 16—Richard and Donna Flaherty, 34 years

Retreats, Gatherings & Seminars

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

- **March 13—Twilight Program** 6:00-7:30pm every 2nd Wednesday of the Month. Relax after work, enjoy a meal and an inspiring spiritual presentation.
- **March 15-17—WOMEN'S RETREAT: "Lord Teach Us to Pray, the Bible and Prayer."** Various biblical stories teach us many things about prayer. Reflect on elements of prayer and seek guidance from Scripture.
- April 5-7, 2019—DASK (Divorced and Separated Koinonia) Still hurting from divorce? Registration is now open for this weekend retreat designed for those who have been through or are going through divorce or separation. Participants can register online or print off an application at www.OwensboroDiocese.org/DASK.

Lenten Invitation

All are invited to join the Thursday morning Scripture Study group for a short DVD Series by Bishop Robert Barron on the Mass. We meet each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. We will begin on March 14th. If interested just come by parish office. All are welcome. We will only view DVD material for 30 minutes before our regular weekly Sunday Scripture Sharing followed by attend 12:05 p.m. Mass together. We'd love to conclude with sharing lunch together. Join us for as little or much as your schedule permits during the six weeks of Lent. If you have direct questions, contact to Mary Ann O'Bryan 270-929-9193.



St. John Vianney's Incorrupt Heart Relic

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST, PADUCAH

The major relic of St. Jean Vianney's whole, incorrupt heart is coming to Paducah! It will be at St. John the Evangelist Church, 6705 Old US Hwy 45 South, Paducah KY 42003 on Wednesday, March 13th. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Medley at 10 a.m. and Confessions, veneration of the relic, and guided prayers will be available from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. The Knights of Columbus is organizing this "Heart of a Priest" relic pilgrimage honoring the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a model for clergy and laity alike. St. John Vianney died on August 4, 1859.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS—YOU MATTER!

A Message from Father Jerry and Father Sinoj

A parish survey is available on our website at www.ststephencathedral.org as well as our Facebook page. It takes only five minutes or so to complete, and will help assess the spiritual health of our parish including our sense of community, parish leadership, communication, and more. Your input will help us begin a process to create a long-range plan for the future of our parish. Answers are confidential, and space is provided for additional comments. If you do not have computer or smartphone access, we're glad to provide a paper copy for you; just call the Parish Office or stop by during business hours. Thank you! **Your participation is important to the future spiritual life of our parish.**

ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you're tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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Financial Update: March 2/3

Weekly & Month-to-Date Collections: \$25,322.46
 Weekly & Month-to-Date Budget: \$20,385.00
 Weekly & Month-to-Date +/-: \$4,937.46
Year-to-Date Collections: \$744,361.37
Year-to-Date Budget: \$733,860.00
Year-to-Date +/-: \$10,501.37

PAST AND FUTURE

There is no saint without a past—and no sinner without a future. —Anonymous

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DIocese OF OWENSBORO
 McRaith Catholic Center

The Reverend J. Edward Bradley, a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro ordained August 9, 1975, has been temporarily suspended from the public exercise of ministry. Fr. Bradley has been serving as the volunteer Chaplain at Owensboro Catholic High School since his retirement from full-time ministry in 2011. This suspension stems from recommendations made to Bishop William F. Medley by the Diocesan Review Board in response to allegations of inappropriate conduct with a minor. An investigation will continue.

Earlier in his priesthood Fr. Bradley served at:

- Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro [1975-1976]
- Owensboro Catholic High School (Dean of Students) [1976-1980]
- Owensboro Catholic High School (Principal) [1980-1985]
- St. Elizabeth Parish, Curdsville [1982-1983]
- St. Stephen Cathedral & Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro [1985-1995]
- Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson [1995-2011]
- St. Michael Parish, Sebree & Holy Cross Parish, Providence [1998-1999]

Please remember Fr. Bradley and his family and friends in your continued prayers. We always pray for any who have ever been harmed within the community of the Catholic Church.

Because the Church's first obligation with regard to all victims, whether alleged or substantiated, is for healing and reconciliation, the Diocese will reach out to every person who alleges that he or she was abused by anyone acting in the name of the Church, whether the alleged abuse was recent or occurred many years in the past.

To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597-2331 (Toll Free).

To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, please call: 270-852-8380 to speak with our Pastoral Assistance Coordinator in English and 270-880-8360 for Spanish.

Help St. Vincent de Paul in Owensboro!



We want to recycle your stained, torn and outdated clothing! Items that cannot be given to the poor or needed. Don't throw them away! By doing this, you will provide three benefits: fund local St. Vincent de Paul programs, reduce solid waste, and provide economic stimulus and employment. **DROP OFF YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHING AND TEXTILE ITEMS TO THE THRIFT STORE** on 18th and Allen (200 East 18th Street). **Thank you in advance!**
Help Us Help Others!

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried . . .

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: “Never again war!” . . .

Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words “division,” “hatred” and “war” be banished from the heart of every man and woman. . .

Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be “brother,” and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

7:00AM **12:05PM**
Mon Edwin/Sarah Davis †† Amanda Reffitt
Tues Vivian Fischer † Mildred McCarthy †
Wed Bill Blincoe † C. V./Mabel Higdon ††
Thu Les Bumm † Frank/Angela Hayden ††
Fri Bernard Cecil † Andrew Howard †

Sat 9:00AM Waitman Taylor †

Sunday, March 17

Sat 5:00PM Ken/Rita Thomas ††
Sun 7:00AM The People of St. Stephen
9:00AM Karen Schadler †
11:00AM John Calhoun I †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

EXPEDIENCY IS NO JUSTIFICATION

No one is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency. —Theodore Roosevelt

St. Stephen Bereavement Committee,

Thank you all so very much for the beautiful meal that you all brought together in honor of Mom. We all so greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and your presence in the celebration of Mom's life.

The Family of Angela "Skippy" Hayden



Litany of Thanks

Applause for our faithful Church Cleaning Team! Thank you to the February cleaners: Patsy and John Clayton, Martha House, Dan Halbig, Lorraine McFarland, Janice Greene, Dora Thompson and Mary Horn.

Thank you to those who prepared food and served a meal after the funeral Bettye Aull: Coordinated by Sue Gough—Molly Harris, Winnie Foster, Susan Bartlett, Vena Mayfield, Kelsey Rhodes, Pam Collignon, Mary Lou Greene, Dora Thompson, Rhonda Troutman, Kim Emberton, Sheri Clark, Dottie Riney, Kathleen Johnson, Dolores Edwards, Theresa Jones, Janice Greene, Theresa Ray, Amanda Jarvis, Sara Lisby, Ann Payne, Amanda Reffitt, Darylin Bishop

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, March 10—The FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM; PSS I
 CHILD CARE, 9:00AM, Preschool Building
 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00AM
 FAITH FORMATION 10:00AM
RITE of ELECTION, 2:00PM and 6:00PM, Reception in the Community Center
NO YOUTH Gathering (Youth 2000)

MONDAY, March 11—Lenten Weekday

Daily Mass at 7:00AM and 12:05PM; PSS I
 Rosary, 7:30AM
 St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting, 5:30PM, Media Center
Young Adult Holy Hour, 6:15PM, St. Pius X

TUESDAY, March 12—Lenten Weekday

Daily Mass at 7:00AM and 12:05PM; PSS I
 Rosary, 7:30AM
 Fern Terrace Mass, 10:00AM
 Vespers, 5:30PM, Church (Everyone is Welcome!)
YOUTH ON-LINE Scripture Study, 8:00PM

WEDNESDAY, March 13—Lenten Weekday

Daily Mass at 7:00AM and 12:05PM; PSS I
 Rosary, 7:30AM
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 12:45PM, Church
 Choir Practice, 6:00PM, Church
Youth Ministry, Grades 5-6, 7:00PM, Youth House

THURSDAY, March 14—Lenten Weekday

TMIY, 6:15AM, Community Center
 Daily Mass at 7:00AM and 12:05PM; PSS I
 Rosary, 7:30AM
 Sunday Scripture Sharing, Class Room, 10:30AM
 Vespers, 5:30PM, Church (Everyone is Welcome!)
 Pastoral Parish Council Meeting, 6:00pm

FRIDAY, March 15—Lenten Weekday

Strict day of Abstinence from meat

Daily Mass at 7:00AM and 12:05PM; PSS I
 Rosary, 7:30AM
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 6:00PM, Church



SATURDAY, March 16—Lenten Weekday

"Call to Accompany" Workshop, 8:30AM, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
 Mass at 9:00AM; PSS I
 Confessions, 9:30-11:30AM, Church
Evening Mass for Sunday, Church, 5:00PM; PSS II

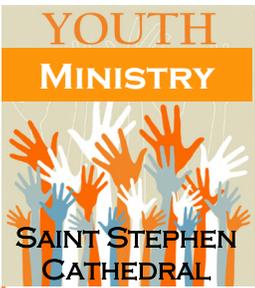
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SUNDAY, March 17—The SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM; PSS II
 CHILD CARE, 9:00AM, Preschool Building
 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:00AM
 FAITH FORMATION 10:00AM
 SPACE, 2:00PM, Community Center
YOUTH Gathering, Grades 7-12, 6:30-8:00PM, Youth House

Rice Bowl for Lent

Join our faith community and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States-in a life changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your families CRS Rice Bowl from either your parish or call in and ask for one from the Diocesan office at 270-683-1545. They are available on the tables by the church entries. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice bowl app!



This weekend, March 8-10 is Youth 2000 @Brescia University. Please, be in prayer for our 18 youth and 3 adults who are attending.

This Sunday, March 10, No Youth Gathering (Youth 2000)

Wednesday, March 13, 5th-6th Grade youth meet from 6-7 PM in the Youth House

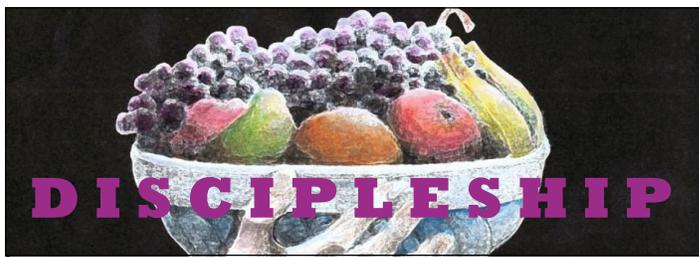
Next Sunday, March 17, 7th – 12th Grade Youth meet in the Youth House from 6:30-8:00 PM

Youth Lenten Online Scripture Study: Join us EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT from 8:00-8:30 PM through the season of Lent to discuss the upcoming Sunday Scripture. Our lives are busy, so we are trying to allow for an opportunity for Scripture Study from wherever you are! We will be using Zoom, a virtual conference room you can access via app on your smartphone (be sure to download it) or on the computer. This is a convenient way to be able to see and hear everyone wishing to take part by utilizing our technology. A link will be sent each Tuesday to join the meeting space. Access links will be posted on our Parish Facebook, Youth Ministry Instagram page, and texted out. To sign up for the weekly text, text this number: 81010 with this message: @lentenb

Calling All Youth Ministry ADULT VOLUNTEERS: Pope Francis encourages us to accompany youth towards a deep and fulfilling relationship with Christ and his Church. Adults role models are incredibly impactful in the development in our teenagers. Join us on Saturday, March 16 from 8:30 AM-3:00 PM for a special training “Called to Accompany” at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided. We will spend the day exploring the many aspects that it takes to make a parish youth ministry successful through videos and group discussions in parish groups. To register and be a part of our St. Stephen group, please contact Crissy!

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. — Luke 6:44

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (270-687-8888 / or 270-685-8444) or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). To report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro’s sexual abuse policy is available at the parish office and also on the diocesan web site (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).



Donna Tarantino
 Director of Ministries & Volunteers
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What will you offer to God throughout these weeks of Lent? Today's reading from Deuteronomy speaks of giving thanks to God for abundant blessings. “Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given me.” Everything we have comes from God! In gratitude, we can make our Lenten efforts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving our offering of “firstfruits.” What are some ways to put these pillars of Lent into practice? We can **Pray**. Offer prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings in your life; attend daily Mass; pray the Stations of the Cross (Wednesdays after 12:05 pm Mass or Fridays at 6:00 pm); devote quiet time each day with the Lord in prayer. We can **Fast**. Embrace discipline and self-denial by giving up habits that need pruning from your life or beginning new, positive habits (it’s not about giving up chocolate, unless you overindulge!); create a gratitude journal by writing down three things each day for which you are grateful. We can **Give**. Check the bulletin for parish Lenten collections to benefit those in need; give your time—there are parish opportunities such as Pitino Soup Kitchen, St. Benedict Shelter, taking Communion to shut-ins, and more that can always use more volunteers. Remember that giving is good for the *giver*, and that God cannot be outdone in generosity.

Ministry Opportunities

Our parish **Fish Fry** is Friday, March 29. Volunteers are needed for set up, accounting, serving food and beverages, clean up, and picking up food from Moonlite BBQ. Many hands make light work! Call the Parish Office or contact Laurie Hicks at lahicks5@yahoo.com.

Diocesan Safe Environment policies now require two Safe-Environment certified adult volunteers to serve for **Children’s Liturgy of the Word** during 9:00 am Sunday Masses (youth assistants are still welcome). We currently have just 6 adults serving in this ministry; we need at least 12 adults to continue to offer this program each week and to provide for scheduling flexibility. Pray about this ministry opportunity. Interested? Contact Mary Beth Hurley at (270) 316-4587 or mbhurley4171@gmail.com.



• PARISH TEAM •

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